given to understand/' I said, *'before I left the Andamans, that I was being sent home; and from this, I inferred that it must be Calcutta that our boat was bound for this trip; but I am indeed quite surprised to find that the boat has reached Madras Port instead". To this the European replied saying, that he knew nothing whatsoever relating to my release; the only object he had in view when he asked me, where 1 wanted to go, w[r]as to know, whether I should like to go to jail, as that other man did, or to the Lunatic Asylum in Madras?— which two alternatives were open to my choice. It would in his opinion be more convenient for both of us, if I chose the latter course, as he himself worked as one of the European Warders for the Government Lunatic Asylum in Madras.

As for my release, he could not say anything very definite, unless the Superintendent examined my papers and let him know what was written there, so that he might decide once for all as to whether I was to go to

jail, or to remain in the Lunatic Asylum, or whether I was to go back to my native place as a free man. To me what the European said, seemed quite reasonable, and I accepted his proposal.